[Shri Kamal Morarka]

ion in the Rajasthan Assembly wrote o the Governor, no action is being aken. So, I want this matter be taken s a very very special case. Please ake some action on it. Otherwise, we ill be making a mockery of the ntire nation. If this particular Con-ress (I) MLA is found guilty of it, e should be banished from public fe.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West engal): We associate ourselves with iis.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: We fully sociate ourselves . . .

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI AGESH DESAI): He has heard.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Jttar Pradesh): Why is the Home inister silent?

श्री बी० सत्यनारायण रेड्डी: (आन्ध्र देश) : सरकार का काम है देखना ौर सुनते रहना ।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI AGESH DESAI): He has heard. es, Mr. Narayanasamy.

mands of Engineers and Technicians i the Telecommunications Depart-ment

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pon-herry): I rise to raise an important ue which is very vital for the peo-of this country. It is with regard the strike by the Telecommunica-n technicians and engineers of this ntry. Lakhs of Telecommunication ployees have now crossed 100 days their strike. They have adopted "Work to Rule" method. Because their agitation, the telephone users suffering and important messages ld not be sent to people either by egram or by any other means. Ac-lly, when we dial any particular nber, we get a wrong number. It was there normally, but now it is increasing. I am not referring to telephone tapping in Karnataka, I am referring to the faulty system which is being maintained.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): What about Madras?

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: When you go there, it will happen.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): He will get a wrong number!

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: The Telecommunication employees—technicians and engineers—have their own genuine demands. They want parity of pay scales with their departmental counterparts and also promotions. They want the staff to be employed according to the rules and regulations. For the past seven years there has been a ban on recruitment in the Telecommunications Department and the Department has been working with a limited staff. We know how the telephone users are suffering. In spite of that the Telecommunications Department has closed its eyes and it has not taken care of the employees' demands.

There is another important thing I have to tell you. In spite of the ITI being there, for the manufacture of telephone instruments they are placing orders with private agencies.

Sir, these are the demands of the workers. These demands are genuine. I am not saying that the Government has not done anything. Four committees were appointed by the Government to look into their demands, and lakhs of rupees have been spent on those committees. All the committees have decided that their demands are genuine and have to be considered. After that, a meeting was held with the then Minister of Telecommunication, Mr. Vasant Sathe, and the Minister had assured that the recommendations would be implement-

ed. It is nearly one decade and yet the demands of these employees have not been met. They have been agitating and now they have resorted to "Work to Rule" agitation. Yesterday the workers of the Telecommunications Department organized a march to Parliament also. Now, in spite of all this, what the Telecommunications Department has done is that they have declared a lock-out and haarassed the employees. Apart from this, they transferred important functionaries of the Union and they have also sacked several employees in unions. When a private management does such a thing, the Government has to protest the employees. Now when the Government itself does that, I have to raise it in Parliament.

Sir, the workers' rights have to be safeguarded and their demands have to be met, and the Minister of Telecommunications, has to come out immediately with a statement that the worker's demands have been duly considered and that the workers have been satisfied. Thank you, Sir.

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR (Bihar): Sir,... (*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): You associate yourself.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I associate myself with what Mr. Narayanasamy has said... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री अश्विनी कुमार : महोदय, मैं भी इसके साथ संबंधित रहा हूं। इसके साथ मैं बहुत सम्बद्ध रहा हूं और एक ही शब्द मैं कहना चाहता हूं। जब पुराने संचार मंत्री ने उनसे समझौता कर लिया और उनसे कहा कि 6 सप्ताह में मैं देदूंगा तो 6 सप्ताह की बजाए आज 28 सप्ताह बीत गए हैं। अगर सरकार के मंत्री अपने समझौते को नहीं करते तो देश की सारी संचार व्यवस्था ठप्प हो रही है। यह एक अत्यन्त ही गम्भीर विषय है और इसलिए इस के ऊपर तुरन्त सरकार को कदम उठाना चाहिए।

Bio-Technology Programmes for Madhya Pradesh

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI (Madhya Pradesh): Mr. Vice-Chairman. Sir, I rise to draw the kind attention of the Government through this Special Mention, to biotechnology programmes for Madhya Pradesh.

Sir, biotechnology has yet to make its appearance in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Attempts made so far have not succeeded in initiating established biotechnology in Madhya Pradesh. On 19th March, 1987 a meeting was held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Department of Bio-technology, in March representatives from the Universities of Indore, Jabalpur and Raipur and also representatives of MAPCOST had participated. In this meeting it was decided that:

(1) the proposal for taking specfic oriented R and projects would be revised;

(2) a High Power Committee would be constituted for suggesting ways and means to improve the Veterinary Institute in the State;

(3) a scientific workshop/conference would be held in Madhya Pradesh to identify the problems being encountered in regeneration of sal forests and also teak. A committee to improve the Veterinary Institute was constituted in October 1987. But the Committee has not submitted any report so far, although it had stated that the report so far, although it had stated that the report of the committee would be finalized and submitted to the Government of India and the Government of Madhya Pradesh for further consideration. A workshop/conference which was to be held in Madhya Pradesh to identity the problems in the regeneration of sal and teak forests has not been held so far.